

# Brown County Fair Board

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

President Dwight Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. A quorum of Fair Board members were present along with Brown County staff members Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Bierman, and Stacey Usselman. Also present were Brown County 4-H Youth Program Advisor Becca Tullar and Joe Akkerman for the Legacy Team.

Fair Manager and Fairgrounds Report: Rachel said that the grounds are looking amazing, thanks everyone for how it has progressed. An updated absence list for the week was sent around. Today is the official start of the fair, so drive your golf carts safely and keep them out of the core area. A ticket report was sent around, ticket sales are up about \$60k from last year. Artist meet & greet signups were also sent around, most artists are up to 50 spots except for Ian Munsick (25) and .38 Special (0). Governor Rhoden will be attending the rodeo tonight and will be recognized ahead of time but will not be given the microphone. Trevor made a motion to accept the contract from DMI for 3 telehandlers in exchange for tickets and \$750, seconded by Jayson. Approved. Eric moved to accept the contract with Aberdeen Livestock for accommodating the Bailey Pro Rodeo stock overnight for 4 GA rodeo tickets, seconded by Conald. Approved. Eric also moved to accept the contract with Sideline Productions for the jumbotrons, timing, and integration of the rodeo for \$2,600, seconded by Clint. Approved.

Fair and Park Assistant Manager's Report: McKenzie said that radio batteries will be held in both Rachel's office and the Odde Office this year, make sure you put one back on the charger if you take a charged one. Sarah Hartje will be here to help in the office today and tomorrow to answer questions and phones. Sonya will be here to help as the week goes on. McKenzie's printer is still acting funny, but there are still some signs that need to be done, including the "No Golf Carts Past This Sign" needed by Buildings & Grounds (Jeff requested 5).

Administrative Assistant's Report: Stacey has the list of volunteers today for Competitive Exhibits and Rodeo. Junior Fair Board will be coming in soon, so let them know if you need any help. Some of them will help clean rodeo banners right away this morning.

4-H Report: Becca said that there is the Youth Horse Show happening at 9:00 (8:00 registration). Static judging will happen this afternoon, groups will start to arrive between 2 and 2:30 to set up for that and will be taking the lunch tables over and bring them back when judging is done. Anna will be hanging the rest of 4-H's banners today.

Buildings & Grounds: Jeff said that the committee had a good day yesterday, but no full jobs were able to be crossed off their list. Benches will be placed around the grounds today, let Jeff know if you have any particular spots you'd like them or else he will use his judgement on placement. Trevor gave a demonstration on how to change out radio batteries. Dan told board members to check their gas and oil levels on their golf carts, the gas tanks are located under the seat. Stacey said that the owner of A-1 Sanitation was out on grounds yesterday and thought that their new trash can wraps looked great.

Rachel said that there are some seasonal employees out this week if you have places that need to be run over with the mower.

Camping: Aaron said there's nothing much right now, just dealing with the typical complaints from campers.

Carnival & Vendors: Conald thanked everyone for their help getting vendors in on Sunday, nearly 75% of outdoor food vendors are in already, highest he's seen. Odde stairway will need to be roped off. Will have to get ahold of Dan to get a key to turn the water on. Sent a message to Legacy about having a few members watching the gates north of the expo (south of the office) starting about 4:00 to keep people from parking in areas they are not allowed to. Dan said that he was asked by a vendor last night about if we provide the Y's at water hookups. Conald said we usually do, but some might have been taken for other places and we might be out and could need more. McKenzie noted that we need to keep an eye out for rodeo patrons parking in the carnival area tonight.

Competitive Exhibits: Shelly said that exhibit check-in runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with judging to follow, so it will likely be a late night in that building. Committee members should familiarize themselves with the building for the day they are in charge.

Grandstand Entertainment: Mike said that there's not much to do until Tuesday night or Wednesday.

Livestock: Dylan reported that there is really just odds and ends of setup remaining, might need to run to the City and get additional woodchips.

Rodeo: Ryan said there is just some little stuff left to do but we are rodeoing tonight.

Special Events: Trevor said that Jurassic Bark is the only event going on today. Setting up TV in Kids' Zone for the sing along is the biggest thing left to do and everything else is ready.

Marketing: Brodie said that he will focus on the top 5 things to know about the Fair in each morning's rundown. Today's will be Jurassic Bark's shows, the American Legion burger night, Competitive Exhibits check-in, Happy Hour at the Clubhouse, and the Rodeo. Will also be covering the Foundation selling liquor at the rodeo and the Clubhouse's new events. Reception for the Clubhouse has been mostly good online, with there being some negativity about Hockey no longer being in charge.

Food: Nichole said supper is the burgers from the American Legion that will be in the Clubhouse, lunch is on your own. She also will be feeding the judges in the Competitive Exhibits building.

Old Business: Jeff said that there are 3 small sets of bleachers still in Kids' Zone, if anyone knows where those should go it would be nice to move those today before it gets busy. If no place is found, will just move them up north so they're out of the way.

A group Fair Board picture took place by the Small Animal Barn after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Nichole at 7:54 a.m., seconded by Jayson.

**Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

President Dwight Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. A quorum of Fair Board members were present along with Brown County staff members Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Bierman, and Stacey Usselman. Also present were Brown County 4-H Youth Program Advisor Becca Tullar, Kristie Erickson for the Legacy Team, and Joe Kaven for the Fairgrounds.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Jeff forgot to mention yesterday that the trash crew is on Channel 10 on the radios and they are new this year, so if you see a can that hasn't been emptied just switch over and let them know. Shelly said they were very good in Competitive Exhibits yesterday. Handicapped parking will be marked off and roped up today so that it can be used tonight. Barriers will be put up today. The trough in the men's bathroom of the Grandstand will be shut off for the fair because it's having drainage issues and leaks. Likely not fixable in time for the rest of the fair, so it will just stay off. People movers will be moved further north today, and Jeff asked which committee is supposed to be in charge of them. Stacey said Friends of the Fair is. Signs will be going up around grounds today for parking and traffic. Dan spoke on golf carts not being allowed in the core area past 10 a.m., and please be mindful of speed and use your lights at night. When parking golf carts by the office, please park on the north side of the road and not in front of those vendors on the south side of that road. Jeff also noted that Gate C's automatic gate is fully set up now.

**Carnival & Vendors:** Conald said that all food vendors are in place except 1, and there may be an issue with where he goes and he could get moved to the north side of the vendor area. There are still some indoor vendors setting up, if you see them, remind them that their cars must be off grounds by 11 a.m. Nick Taullele was upset about the placement of carnival carousel being so close to the food vendors. Todd Armstrong with AMP Carnival later admit that he was using the wrong line as reference when getting it set up. Rachel said he did have a couple of rides burn up so he is short of his contract's listing of 30 rides. Brodie has a comprehensive list of all vendors that will be participating in \$2 Tuesday.

**Competitive Exhibits:** Shelly said that the building will have 2 presenters and a painted rock contest today, they may need some help in the morning getting the building in order after yesterday's judging. There is plenty of pulled pork and other food left over from last night's meal, that is all stored in the fridge in there.

**Friends of the Fair:** Katie asked about a gentleman that had parked directly in front of the Grandstand last night because there was a handicapped sign there. Jeff said that should be a rarity, as those signs will get covered and the area will be blocked off. The volunteers from Dacotah Bank had a great time last night scanning tickets once they were shown how to tell how many tickets each scanner had done. There was some confusing surrounding the timing of mutton busting, and Jeff noted that he did have to tell some folks that there is no special line for those participating in mutton busting in the early group since that begins more than 30 minutes ahead of the actual rodeo. McKenzie asked about remaining open volunteer spots, especially on the people movers. Stacey said that people movers are almost full, but many other volunteer spots are still open.

**Sheriff's Office:** There was one missing person, a few lost wallets, and a golf cart running around with kids on it in Primitive that has not yet been found. McKenzie told him that the Sheriff's radio is still in the office. The lost and found is officially open at their trailer near the Grandstand, although it is not quite

staffed all the time. If no one is there when you knock on the door, call dispatch and they will send the officers on grounds there to meet them. There have been a few drones flying around, if you see any then try to watch them and see where they end up to tell the sheriffs staff.

Grandstand Entertainment: Setup begins tonight after the rodeo is torn down.

Livestock: Dylan said that the dog show takes place today in the Expo Addition and show ring wood chips will be spread sometime in the early afternoon.

Rodeo: Ryan said that Slack takes place at 10 a.m. today, and any help tearing down afterwards is greatly appreciated. Rhonda said that she thought the mutton busting lineup should not be changed at the last second like it was last night.

Special Events: Trevor said that the Stick Horse Rodeo, Jurassic Bark, and Dig for Dough will all take place today. There was a GroupMe message sent out about what tents each committee member is in charge of.

Marketing: Brodie had seen the question asked online about a room on grounds for nursing mothers, and it was noted that this is located in the Competitive Exhibits building. His 5 things that he'll hit on today are \$2 Tuesday, Stick Horse Rodeo, worship services, Painted Rock Contest, and the Rodeo.

Food: Lunch is \$2 Tuesday and dinner is also on your own. There are plenty of leftovers in the Competitive Exhibits building.

Fair Manager and Fairgrounds Report: Rachel said that Courtesy Carts today are Hub City Church, someone please go check and make sure they're ready to go. The day sponsor is Glacial Lakes Energy, RDO will have the corporate tent tonight. She reiterated golf cart etiquette and the importance of driving safely and respecting the core area. People keep asking about Delzer Repair, he is able to get on grounds until the gates are manned, and then he cannot enter into the Fairgrounds. She has already told 2 people no to selling sweet corn with signage at their camping spots. Word of mouth or posting on their own social media is fine, but we have a vendor selling sweet corn already. Political busses: was not aware that the bus last night was sitting there so long, doing some checking into where these can be parked. Aaron said he ran into 2 members from that political bus group trying to gain access to the Expo and they were trying every door. A friend had left their billfold in the building, but they will come back to speak to the office today. Jeff asked about the broken window on the Premier tractor, and if that happened before we got it or not.

Fair and Park Assistant Manager's Report: 3,475 tickets scanned, 3,734 tickets sold. There were some complaints about overselling the rodeo and no seating remaining. Rodeo Committee: we must keep announcing for people to scoot together because tonight's attendance will be higher, there are already over 3,100 tickets sold. We don't usually walk about the Grandstand telling people to move, but we may have to consider it. Sonya and Sarah will be helping again today in the office. McKenzie's printer is still lacking some colors, but signs can be printed, they just might be bland.

Administrative Assistant's Report: Stacey said that almost all vendors will be open today except for 4 that cannot do smaller sizes. Conald will go around and check the extra storage trailers. 2 Boulder Design signs will be put around the Fairgrounds as part of their sponsorship and as a promotional item.

4-H Report: Becca said last night's judging went very well, but there is no air movement on the east side of the Expo behind the wall of curtains. Stacey said that there was someone parked blocking a vendor on the west side of the Odde, although it could have been a rodeo patron just as easily as a 4-H'er. Rachel asked about running gates on Monday night, although it is hard to find gatehouse folks already. Jeff asked about running Courtesy Carts until 10:00 on rodeo nights in the future, there seems to be more handicapped people attending the rodeo compared to concert nights.

New Business: Alley said verbiage for check-in at the Competitive Exhibits is confusing, it would be nice to clear that up for next year. Stacey said that there will be plenty of Jr Fair Board in today, ask for help from them. Joyce asked about shutting some of the gates once the rodeo starts as it takes extra volunteers and Board members to watch them. Jeff said that we would probably need the two ends open at a minimum, although if we don't have locks on them they'll just slide them open anyways. McKenzie said that we could pare down the number of people watching the gate once the rodeo starts, although locking the gates would likely create a fire hazard. Jeff wanted to apologize to the Fair Board for losing his cool on the political bus and in both places that they had parked illegally. McKenzie said that stuff happens, it's a very high stress environment that we're all under for a week and a half.

Greg moved to adjourn at 8:10 a.m., seconded by Jayson.

### **Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

President Dwight Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. A quorum of Fair Board members were present along with Brown County staff members Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Bierman, and Stacey Usselman. Also present were Tom Carlson for the Legacy Team, and Joe Kaven for the Fairgrounds.

Fair Manager and Fairgrounds Report: QQP is running Courtesy Carts today, Primrose is the day sponsor, and concert sponsors are Stange Trucking, Channel Seed, and Pure Country. Gatehouses will be manned for the full day today. Rachel gave kudos to all who responded to the medical emergency in the Grandstand during the rodeo last night, tragedy was averted. There have been some comments on the treatment of the Jr Fair Board, please treat them respectfully or talk to Rachel if you have issues with any of them. Want this to be a good experience for them.

Fair and Park Assistant Manager's Report: 3,601 tickets were scanned for the rodeo last night. Sonya is back to help print signs in the office today. Katie had told McKenzie that no "No re-entry" signage exists for rodeo nights, so she will print that today for next year's Fair. Joyce asked about some "No Standing" signs for the fences at the rodeo so kids don't stand on those gates, they can probably be made. Eric said that it's probably just as much the parents' fault as it is the kids.

Administrative Assistant's Report: Stacey said that one of yesterday's medical emergencies was a volunteer that had signed up for 30 more slots during the week, so we will need to find a way to fill those. Wayne Holt will be in charge of people movers during the week, getting them fueled up and

getting volunteers familiar with the equipment. Aaron asked if he knows how to run the wheelchair lift, and can show him if he doesn't. The canopy is still not on the one mover, Jr Fair Board could handle that job. She is also making a list of jobs for the Jr Fair Board to complete, so please let her know if you have things to add to that.

Fairgrounds: Joe said that they did patch the asphalt on the southwest corner of the Grandstand by the women's bathroom that was a bad trip hazard.

Buildings & Grounds: Jeff said that we do need to complete an ice run after the meeting. Today is changeover day backstage, so committee members that are not committed somewhere else should be back there to help if they're not busy.

Camping: Shelly said that she has had messages about quiet hours and they gave her their campsite and where the noise is coming from. It is believed that those run from midnight to 7 a.m., but here are no quiet hours for generators.

Carnival & Vendors: Conald commended those that put the signs out around the Fairgrounds, thought they looked really nice. Today is vendor appreciation, with breakfast this morning at 9:00 a.m. Conald asked if he could get 2 "Bathroom Closed" signs made, and talked to the Sanitation crew about starting to clean the bathrooms at 8:30 p.m. so they are done when the Odde and Expo are getting close. The Fairgrounds crew has asked if the van truck by the Expo door can be moved so they can wash tables in the morning. One more vendor still has to arrive today. The plan has changed for "Off the Hook" and where he'll be located, these changes will be made this morning and he should be open for business by the afternoon.

Friends of the Fair: Katie reminded that the rodeo/concert gates need to have a Fair Board member at them at all times.

Sheriff's Office: Quite a night, there were many medical calls, a report of kids fighting on the Midway, reports of crazy driving out in Primitive campground (still not located). A lost child that was found and a report of a female pulling a knife on another person with neither of them being found as well.

Grandstand Entertainment: Mike said that the thrust will be here at 8:00 a.m., set up the fence around it later this morning. Pickup and drop off at the airport later today. Meet and greets: 7:30 for Ian Munsick, 7:00 for Avery Anna.

Livestock: Dylan said that arrival and check-in of 4-H animals will take place today until noon, and there will be a wood shavings vendor, Dan Nelson, here on the grounds through check-in and leaving by early afternoon. The rabbit, poultry, and companion animal shows will take place this afternoon in the new Small Animal Barn. The two metal sets of bleachers can be put in the Expo Addition whenever the equipment and labor is available today, and there are some benches in front of the Open Class Sheep Barn that need to be cleaned and would be job for the Jr Fair Board. Dylan said the Kiddie Train should get stored in the Expo Addition from now on, and Jim Kramp's electrician golf cart will also need to find a new overnight home once the Open Class Sheep arrive.

Marketing: Brodie's spotlight today will include Primrose Day, the puzzle contest, Tent Acts, Ice Cream Social, and the Grandstand concert.

Rodeo: Ryan thanked everyone who helped tear down last night.

Special Events: Trevor asked the committee to make sure they're going to the areas they signed up for to see when each act's first performance is and that we talk to them and set them up. McKenzie asked about where the Primrose buses usually go when they bring patrons out to the grounds. Rachel said that they're supposed to drop off, park in handicapped parking, and come back to pick up.

Food: Nichole said that there are plenty of leftovers downstairs, including brisket and pulled pork with sides. Primrose is offering lunch to all Fair Board members.

New Business: Joyce asked about bungee cords for the garbage cans since we're out. It was decided that someone will need to go get some more.

Jayson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 a.m., seconded by Dan.

#### **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

President Dwight Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. A quorum of Fair Board members were present along with Brown County staff members Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Bierman, and Stacey Usselman. Also present were Jo Miller for the Legacy Team, and Joe Kaven for the Fairgrounds.

Sheriff's Office: Mostly just small scuffles that they've been dealing with the last few nights, if the victim doesn't cooperate so it doesn't go anywhere. There were a couple of wandering people between 4:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. and a few medical calls at the concert, but nothing out of the ordinary. Rachel asked what questions we can ask to determine if an animal is a service animal: the animal should have documentation and a collar or marking if it is an actual service animal; however, this is a very touchy subject for many. Shelly wanted to make sure that we are allowed to deny emotional support animals, and yes, we are allowed to deny those entry if the situation arises.

Legacy: Jo Miller noted that there was a reserved seat that was double booked at last night's concert that they were made aware of while ushering.

Buildings & Grounds: All bleachers were moved to where they need to be yesterday, and there are still a few maps to be hung around and the pop up tent at the east Grandstand gate needs to be put up. Mike asked about the sheep tent, Dylan said that will probably be tomorrow depending on weather. Brodie relayed a message from the Security team about putting some woodchips down between the fence and cement barrier where they stand, Jeff said we will see what the weather does since that is our rodeo dirt.

Camping: Aaron said that there are a couple of people to talk to this morning about moving their campers.

Carnival & Vendors: Conald said there is one vendor not yet in the Odde, but claims he is still coming and is having difficulties. The Lone Wolf Seasoning guy on machinery row says he doesn't get much foot

traffic in his trailer, but lots of people walk by. He will be moved to an open spot on the east side of the hog and sheep barn and he may need to be talked to about his music being too loud. Terry brought up a vendor complaint about a sign being in the way of her area, Stacey said there's nothing in the contracts about it and we may have to change our rule in the future as we currently follow it. Vendors have said they like the Odde Oasis, but it is making the building really crowded.

Competitive Exhibits: Shelly said that the Lego contest will take place today.

Grandstand Entertainment: There were 4,977 tickets sold, concert turned out very well despite the rain earlier in the day and Avery Anna late arrival. Meet and greets at 7:30 for Ned Ledoux and 8:30 for Tracy Lawrence.

Livestock: First full day of 4-H shows today in Expo Addition and Hog/Sheep Barn, FFA show in afternoon and Open Class Sheep will continue to arrive today. Dylan asked about the green Livestock coolers from the garage, those typically get put in the show rings during the shows. Sounds like they were used in other areas.

Special Events: Trevor said there is a busy day again today. Agtegra comes in at 10 a.m. for their Farm Safety Party. Will have to figure something out about Jurassic Bark because many people are standing on the road to watch their shows. Mike Gage is putting on an Amazing Race in the Kids Zone, a timed race through the pallet maze. McKenzie asked Brodie if he would hit on that during his morning Facebook live.

Marketing: Brodie's main things he'll hit on this morning are Phil Baker, the Kids Picnic, Agtegra's Farm Safety Party, the Retro Rockettes, and tonight's concert.

Food: Lunch will be provided today and will be located in the Odde Office Fridge.

Fair Manager and Fairgrounds Report: QQP is running courtesy carts today, Northern Electric and Co-ops are the day sponsor, and it is Kids in 4-H Day. Concert sponsors are Midco, Pioneer, and Hub City Radio with Pioneer in the corporate tent. Rachel had a good conversation with the Cranston brothers yesterday and they wanted to relay what a great job the Board has done this year. They also commented on how much this 25 person Board does, much more than any other event that they go to. There are a couple of potential Fair Board members that want to do ride-alongs today, let her know if you would like to have one ride with you. Make sure you show appreciation to those who are manning the gatehouses and running Courtesy Carts, it's a long week for some of them too. The Clubhouse went well last night. Delzer is back on board with being a camping repair vendor, he had a miscommunication with his insurance and how much that was going to cost him. He has gotten the necessary insurance, paid the vendor fee, and will now receive a pass to all campgrounds.

Fair and Park Assistant Manager's Report: McKenzie reported that there were 4,977 tickets sold and just over 3,900 scanned for the concert last night. There is a last minute sponsor that has donated bug spray and sunscreen to be placed in several places around the Fairgrounds this morning. McKenzie's new printer did come in yesterday, so printing should be getting back to normal.



Administrative Assistant's Report: Stacey read through the volunteer list for the day, there are a couple of hours where people movers don't have riders and that the Kiddie Train doesn't have a driver. One volunteer had signed up to drive the people movers yesterday that had never driven a tractor before in their life, McKenzie said to reach out to those that you know might be willing to give a few hours to fill these spots.

New Business: Jeff said that he'd like to get the hand sanitizers put out around the grounds today, let him know where you'd like to see them and he could use some help getting them out and around. On a personal note for Jeff, the National Farmer's Union will be out at the Fair for the next three days, only took Jeff 4 years to convince him to check it out. Eric asked about wristbanding for re-entry at both the west and east gates, since we only did the east gate last night and it was tough sending people over there. McKenzie said that will be changed tonight and wristbands will be given at all gates.

Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Alley.

### **Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

President Dwight Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. A quorum of Fair Board members were present along with Brown County staff members Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Bierman, and Stacey Usselman. Also present were Curt Erickson for the Legacy Team, and Joe Kaven for the Fairgrounds.

Sheriff's Office: A few lost items, one arrest at Centennial Village, intentional damage to a porta-potty by 2 males and 1 female, a few people wandering in the Sheep Barn late at night, and one DUI for an underage person. Regarding parking complaints: the Sheriff's Office will only tow vehicles for public safety reasons or investigative reasons. They will not tow for vehicles that are inconveniencing someone else, and asked what our policy is. Our policy is typically to call the non-emergency line and put it on the "on call" towing list, these vehicles are taken back to the towing companies' places of business rather than to a place on grounds. Running license plates and releasing names is very strict, this is usually only done for investigative purposes and wouldn't usually apply to any scenario at the fair. The Sheriff's Office by the Grandstand does have a form for those who lost items to fill out.

Buildings & Grounds: Jeff reminded all Board members to give the trash crew and cleaning crew grace today with the rain that hit this morning, it will make things much harder for them. Would like the committee to meet around 6:00 tonight to fill the Clubhouse walk-in cooler with ice.

Camping: Aaron said lots of campers' canopies and tents were torn or washed away in the storm, and the campgrounds will be a muddy mess today and probably the rest of the week. There were some electrical issues in the Centennial and other south campgrounds yesterday, but they were resolved in a timely manner.

Carnival & Vendors: Conald said that Greek to Me has some bad standing water near their booth, so when they get here this morning they will need some help.

Grandstand Entertainment: Mike said there is just one meet and greet tonight with Uncle Kracker at 6:45. Rock acts typically have more issues with the mud that we'll have now, but hopefully that won't be

the case today. Rachel said that if you have a plus one that would like to attend a meet and greet with you, put that down on the sheet so if there's still room we can fill up the 50 spots we have.

**Livestock:** Dylan said there are more 4-H shows taking place today along with the Round Robin and Premium Sale. The show ring will need to be widened, and more chips put down in that area, a call will be placed for any Jr Fair Board or other Board members who are willing to help. The Cow/Calf show takes place this morning out at Akkerman Arena. The Open Class Sheep tent will have to get put up today, likely sometime late morning if that would work for other committees to spare some time to help. Asked where Good Shepherd's trash cleanup grabbers, buckets, and other supplies are supposed to go because they're just sitting in the Expo Addition right now. They were also there last year, no one really has a better place for them. Dylan also asked about getting a few more of the light brown gates for the Expo Addition, but there are none left. He said he would use some gates off another trailer instead.

**Special Events:** Trevor said today will be another busy day, so committee members make sure you're watching your tents.

**Marketing:** Brodie said that there will be the Mascot Competition today, the Jr Fair Board have most of the details about that according to Stacey. There are 5 or 6 mascots attending, and John Thune will emceeing. The foam party looked so cool in the Kids Zone yesterday and brings a lot of value. Brodie asked about a contact for Lizzy Hofer so she can be featured on Facebook. The biggest things today are the Root Beer float feed and tonight's concert with Uncle Kracker and .38 Special.

**Food:** Nichole said there is Jimmy John's for lunch today, and tomorrow morning's breakfast is the Military Breakfast in the Ken's tent.

**Old Business:** Jeff said that he saw a couple pulling on Gate C to get a car out. It has now been welded to prevent this from happening again and will break with a lot more pulling on it, Jeff warned the folks that if it is broken and they are caught breaking it they will have to pay for it. Curt suggested maybe putting up some "Not an Exit" or "Use Gate B" signage so people know that they should not be trying to go in or out of that gate.

**Fair and Park Assistant Manager's Report:** The Fair Foundation was in the office yesterday to discuss their potential spot for VIP Parking at next year's Fair, and they will be back today to look at the spot in person. There were 4,784 tickets sold and 3,802 tickets scanned for last night's concert.

**Fair Manager and Fairgrounds Report:** Courtesy Carts are run by Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag is the day sponsor, concert sponsors are Buffalo Wild Wings, SD Army National Guard, and Hub City Radio. Spoke to Weed & Pest about spraying for mosquitos both overall and spot treating the really bad spots. John Thune will enter through Gate A today around 10:00 a.m. for a Chamber event before wandering through the midway. Asked if anyone could open the corn trailer on the south side of the Ag Adventure Center since it has not been opened all week. Rachel wanted to remind everyone to give themselves and others grace as it has been a long week and this is a very taxing job. They are working to get the Clubhouse manned better since Board members end up having to work the doors if we can't find enough volunteers to get the long line in once the concert is done. A sponsor is donating 8 bales for the Ranch Games and will be arriving soon if someone could show him where he could leave that trailer.

Administrative Assistant's Report: Stacey said to wear your radio station orange shirts tomorrow. Asked if it's too wet for the Kiddie Train, Special Events said to plan on it still running despite the conditions. There was a lot of ice given to the Clubhouse, would it be needed for Jr Fair Board to bag ice or how are we still doing in the cooler downstairs. Aaron said there was some bagging yesterday, but can always bag some more.

New Business: Rachel said that everyone should go get gas for their golf carts this morning before Agtegra refills the tank right away this morning.

Trevor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 a.m., seconded by Dan.

### **Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

President Dwight Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. A quorum of Fair Board members were present along with Brown County staff members Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Bierman, and Stacey Usselman. Also present were Jo Miller for the Legacy Team, Joe Kaven for the Fairgrounds, and Talent Buyer Lisa Romeo.

Visitors: Jo said that a lot of the garbage can dressings from A-1 Sanitation are falling down, Jeff said that they have to be pulled up and the garbage bag put over top of it so the bungee cord catches both of them. Joe said there is a lot of water out there, do what you can.

Buildings & Grounds: Jeff said that on the bright side, there shouldn't be any dust issues today with all the rain. He thanked Aaron and Jim for putting up the fans in the Clubhouse yesterday, the building might still be hot but now there is some airflow. Blocked off some parking spots yesterday and will probably have to block off some more spots with this mornings' rain too. There were some parking issues yesterday, and we should probably continue to advocate for parking at Gates A & F. Said to make sure that people know that the handicapped parking area is still in decent shape.

Camping: Aaron said that there have been some road complaints, but some dragging was done. More complaints about kids on golf carts but they could not be found. Aaron did ask if we would extend to Tuesday with how wet some of these spots are.

Carnival & Vendors: Conald said that Jr Fair Board will be passing out load-out instructions today, there are no exceptions to leaving before 5:00 p.m. Anyone who worked load-out last year should send what they did to Conald last year, because it went well and would like to keep that close to the same. There will be a meeting at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow to put out the load-out signage, with all load-out and tear down taking place on Sunday night. There are some people lined up to fold and store the curtains. If someone could check the oil barrels to make sure that there is still capacity there, although there probably isn't because of the rain that is in there now.

Competitive Exhibits: Salsa contest today.

Friends of the Fair: Joyce wanted to commend Wayne Holt and how great he has been taking charge of the people movers this year.

Grandstand Entertainment: Dwight thanked Mike and Katie for getting up early and getting Uncle Kracker to the airport this morning prior to 5:00 a.m.

Livestock: Dylan thanked all those who helped with putting up the Open Class Sheep tent yesterday. Open Class shows run all day today, more trailers will be coming on grounds this morning. He asked if the row of free-standing panels up north of the racetrack will be gone by Sunday morning so Sweet 16 trailers can be put up there. Jeff said yes, they will be taken down overnight or early in the morning with the rest of the teardown that takes place.

Special Events: Tents are starting to slow down, the baby crawling contest will take place today and the tractor pull will be at 1:00 p.m. Committee members help get the items for the baby crawling contest out of the office basement right away this morning. Trevor said we will leave it up to the tractor pull organizers if the area is too wet for them to go or not. Rachel said that RC Racing has postponed until tomorrow.

Marketing: Brodie said that some of the bigger things taking place today are the hotdog eating contest, salsa contest, chili cookoff, cornhole tournament, and Grandstand concert. He will hit on parking and the mud in those lots again today with the new rain.

Food: Lunch is Godfather's and breakfast this morning is the Military Appreciation breakfast.

Fair Manger and Fairgrounds Report: Courtesy carts are SD Farmers Union, day sponsor is Demkota, concert sponsors are Mustang Seed, Dakotaland FCU, and Hub City Radio. Mustang will be in the corporate tent. Rachel wanted to clarify with all Board members that food is allowed into the concerts, but the only drinks allowed in are those in still-sealed bottles. The Fair Lemonade cups are not allowed in, the drinks must be sealed. Rachel said that we're in the home stretch, glad to see the committees and Board members helping each other when help is required.

Fair and Park Assistant Manager's Report: McKenzie said that there were 5,292 tickets sold and 4,532 scanned. Schafer is gone for tonight's concert, so those working gates will have to do it without him.

Administrative Assistant's Report: Stacey said there are many openings today for drivers of the Kiddie Train and recommended to all that could watch to come check out the hot dog eating contest.

New Business: Rachel said that the meet and greets tonight are at 6:15 and 6:40. Dwight said that help will be needed in the Clubhouse if you're not helping backstage after the concert. Tomorrow morning's meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. after the Foundation's breakfast in the Clubhouse. Jeff said that Amanda Taylor will be here today for a ride-along as a potential board member if anyone could have her tag along.

Trevor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 a.m., seconded by Shelly.

### **Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

President Dwight Guthmiller called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum of Fair Board members were present along with Brown County staff members Rachel Kippley, McKenzie Bierman, and Stacey Usselman.

Jeff made a motion to cancel today's Lumberjack show due to the heavy rain and pay \$6,000 (contract was for \$12,000) and bring them back for next year's fair at the \$12,000, seconded by Shelly. Approved.

It was noted that the Board will not help set up the Foundation's breakfast on Sunday morning next year. The pony rides are also cancelled due to the rain and they will leave this morning.

Clint made a motion to cancel the build-a-burger due to the rain, seconded by Greg. Approved.

Stacey will put make some brisket today for lunch and use up some of the many buns that have been discussed.

Shelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron.

Dylan Frey, Secretary